



Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) Legislative Priorities

Federal and State Funding Equity

Adequate funding is critical to achieve the Irvine Unified School District's (IUSD) goal to provide students with the best educational experience we can envision. However, a significant gap in both federal and state per pupil funding puts IUSD at a disadvantage and jeopardizes critical science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) programs. To ensure IUSD remains one of the highest-performing districts in the nation and our students are college and career ready, our top legislative priority is to secure adequate funding at both the state and federal levels for our more than 32,000 students.

National Average Funding Gap

IUSD per pupil funding is less than the national average by nearly \$4,961 per student.

Impact: IUSD receives \$160 million dollars less per year than unified school districts nationally.

State Funding Gap

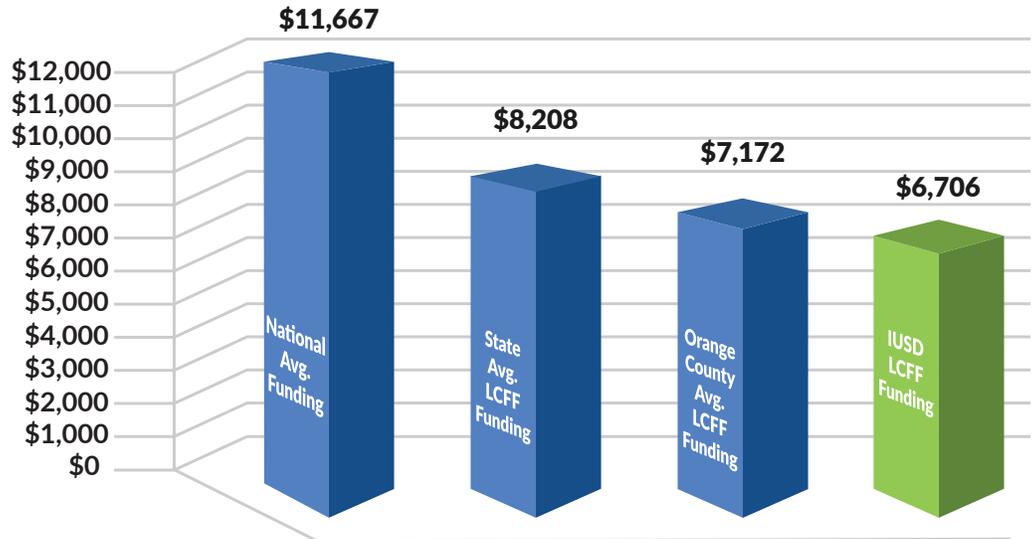
IUSD per pupil funding is less than the state average by nearly \$1,502 per student.

Impact: IUSD receives \$48 million less per year than unified school districts statewide.

National & State Funding Comparison

National ADA data: 2012-13 data from 2016 Quality Counts Report.

State data: 2014-15 statewide apportionment for unified school districts only.



National & State Funding Goals

- Increase California's K-12 school district funding to reach the national average.
- Increase federal funding by \$4,961 per pupil to provide federally-mandated services.
- Increase state funding by \$1,500 per pupil so Irvine reaches the state average per pupil funding.
- Provide funding to meet state-imposed education mandates.
- Support state bond funding for technology and facilities needs, and promote the equitable distribution of these funds statewide.
- Receive funding for federally imposed legislation.
- Provide full state funding for each student, age 3 to 22, who has special needs.

Support for the Whole Child

- Provide equitable resources for improved STEAM learning.
- Facilitate Career Technical Education Opportunities.
- Designate student mental health as an educational priority with adequate funding.
- Invest in technical and facilities upgrades for all IUSD schools.

IUSD by the Numbers

Student Enrollment

32,283 (as of December 2015)

General Fund

\$315 Million

Schools

24 Elementary Schools
 2 K-8 Schools
 6 Middle Schools
 5 High Schools

For more detailed information about IUSD's legislative priorities, visit iusd.org/legislativeaction